



County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Social Services

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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER (DWP) REFRIGERATOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

This is to provide you with update information on the Department of Water and Power (DWP) Refrigerator Exchange Program. DWP and DPSS signed an agreement last year in which DWP would distribute 1,000 of their refrigerators to DPSS clients who meet the criteria established by DWP. The target populations are current IHSS and GAIN participants and previous Special Circumstances participants who reside in the DWP service area, receive DWP's Low-Income Rate and/or Life Line Rate, and are willing to trade their old refrigerator (at least ten years old) for a new smaller, energy-efficient refrigerator. DPSS has, thus far, made a total of 653 referrals.

As I last reported to you on April 18, 2002, DWP informed us that the vendor contract, which provides for approval or denial of each of the referrals as well as the deliveries, expired at the end of December 2001. Therefore, no approvals or deliveries have been made since that time. Recently, DWP informed us that they are anticipating the vendor contract will be in place by mid-July, 2002. The cost of these contracted services will continue to be paid by DWP.

DPSS will continue to make referrals to DWP. DWP will evaluate the referrals and will notify those clients who remain eligible that they will be contacted by the vendor upon the approval of the new contract.

I will continue to monitor the Program and keep you updated on its progress.

BY:jw

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors